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THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM.

Banks.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.
ESTABLISHED 1886.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL..... Yen 15,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL..... 10,500,000
RESERVE FUND..... 7,500,000

Head Office—YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies.

KOBE NEW YORK.
LONDON LYONS.
SAN FRANCISCO HONOLULU.
BOMBAY SHANGHAI.

LONDON BANKERS:
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LTD.
PARRS' BANK, LTD.
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON, LTD.

HONGKONG AGENCY—INTEREST ALLOWED:
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.
per Annum on the Daily Balance.

On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.
" " 6 " 4 "
" " 3 " 3 "

S. CHOH, Agent.

Hongkong, 7th April, 1899. [382]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL..... \$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND..... \$10,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROP'RS \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
R. M. GRAY, Esq., Chairman.
N. A. SHEIBS, Esq., Deputy Chairman.
E. Goetz, Esq.

A. Haupt, Esq. A. J. Raymond, Esq.
R. H. Hill, Esq. P. Sachse, Esq.
The Hon. J. J. Keswick, Esq. E. Shillim, Esq.
A. McCoshie, Esq. R. Shewell, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:

Hongkong—T. JACKSON, Esq.

MANAGER:

Shanghai—J. P. Wade, GARDNER, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY
BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:

On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.
per Annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 3 months, 2½ per cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3 per cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per Annum.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1899. [39]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be
obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER
CENT. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option
balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED
DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [10]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP..... \$800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-
HOLDERS..... \$800,000
RESERVE FUND..... \$150,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT
ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent. per
annum on the Daily Balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 per cent.
" " 6 " 3 "
" " 3 " 2 "

T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 24th May, 1898. [31]

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE
OF THE 15TH NOVEMBER, 1896.

Shanghai Taels:

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL..... 5,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL..... \$1,000,000

Head Office—SHANGHAI.

Branches and Agencies.

CANTON HANKOW
CHEFOO PEKING
CHINKIANG SWATOW
FOOCHOW TIENSIN.

THE Bank purchases and receives for col-
lection Bills of Exchange drawn on the
above places, and Sends Drafts and Telegraphic
Transfers Payable at its Branches and Agen-
cies.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

Advances made on approved securities.

Bills discounted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:
3 per Annum Fixed Deposits for 3 months.

4 " " 6 "

5 " " 12 "

E. W. RUTTER,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 15th October, 1898. [123]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital..... \$1,000,000
Paid up Capital..... 3,4374

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Board of Directors:

E. Burnie, Esq. D. Gilles, Esq.
Chen, K. S. Shan, Esq. Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.
Chow, Tung Shing, Esq. J. T. Lants, Esq.

Chief Manager.

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months 3 per cent.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1898. [13]

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR STEAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL REMARKS
JAPAN, &c. Ceylon* C. L. Daniel Daylight, 6th May... Freight or Passage
SHANGHAI Chusan E. Street About 12th May... Freight or Passage
LONDON, &c. Cormandel* C. G. Talbot Noon, 13th May... Freight or Passage
JAPAN Rohilla* S. de B. Lockyer, R. N. R. 4 P.M., 13th May... Freight or Passage
LONDON Candia W. H. Hangton, R. N. R. About 17th May... Freight only
(Passing through the Inland Sea). (See Special Advertisement)

For Further Particulars apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1899. [15]

BITTERS.

Angostura (Siegers)

Bokers

Peach Bitters Amer d'Or (Luxardo)

Danyler

Orange

C. O. Q. (Cocktail bitters)

Pomeranzen (phials)

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO., WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

15, Queen's Road,
Hongkong, 2nd May, 1899. [15]

BOARD
AND
RESIDENCE.

On Monthly Terms from 1st May 1899.

JUBILEE PILSENER BEER

PER CASE OF 4 DOZ. QUARTS

OR

6 DOZ. PINTS \$13.00.

SOLE AGENTS,

H. PRICE & CO.
12, QUEEN'S ROAD.

[30]

THE CLUB HOTEL, LIMITED.

No. 5-B, BUND, YOKOHAMA.

A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL Centrally situated, well furnished and supplied with excellent Cuisine and Good Wines. The Company's Steam-launch attends the arrival and departure of all Mail Steamers.

Special attention paid to the comfort of visitors.

E. V. SIOEN, Manager,

Yokohama, 1st October, 1898. [16]

W. POWELL & CO.

Ex. S.S. "SHANGHAI"

NEW STOCK OF LADIES

TRIMMED & UNTRIMMED MILLINERY.

NEW FLOWERS, FEATHERS, LACES, RIBBONS, &c., &c.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1899. [17]

Intimations.

UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY, LIMITED.

SOLE AGENTS IN
HONGKONG, CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS,

FOR THE

UNITED ASBESTOS CO., LTD., LONDON,

CONTRACTORS TO H.M. GOVERNMENT.

MANUFACTURERS OF THE

Best Qualities of ASBESTOS GOODS and PACKINGS.

HYDRAULIC and SELF LUBRICATING PUMP PACKINGS, of all kinds.

"VICTOR" METALLIC BOILER JOINTS.

ASBESTOS SALAMANDER BOILER COVERING COMPOSITION of the best qualities.

ESTIMATES given for every DESCRIPTION of WORK.

SUPERINTENDENT, THOS. SKINNER

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1899. [602]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions
to Sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION.

FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,
TO-MORROW

(SATURDAY, the 6th May, 1899,
at 2.30 P.M.)

at their Sales Rooms, 10, House Street,

SUNDAY JAPANESE CURIOS,

Comprising—
EMBROIDERED & PAINTED SCREENS,
PANEL PICTURES, CLOISONNE VASES,
PLATES, SWORDS, GLOVE BOXES, OLD
PANEL PICTURES, BRONZES, SATSUMA
BOWLS, BOOK CASE CARVED,
and other STRAW HATS.

On View on FRIDAY.

TERMS.—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1899. [602]

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

TO-MORROW

(SATURDAY, the 6th May, 1899,

Commencing at 2.30 P.M.)

at KIRKENDON, MOUNT COUGH,

the Residence of Mr. H. H. RICH,

THE WHOLE OF THE VALUABLE

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

Comprising—
DRAWING and DINING ROOM FURNI-
TURE of every Description, HATSTAND,
CHAIRS, OVERMANTLES, SIDEBOARD,
ROBES, WASHING STANDS, WHAT-
NOTS, BRASS MOUNTED BEDSTEAD,
FENDERS, CARPETS, TOILET TABLES,
CHILD'S COT, DESKS, GLASSWARE,
CUTLERY, CROCKERY, KITCHEN and
BATH ROOM REQUISITES, COOKING
and HEATING STOVES, PLATED WARE,
GARDEN SEATS, POTS and PLANTS,
etc., etc.

Fine ENGRAVINGS and PICTURES.

To-day's
Advertisements.

VICTORIA-PRECEPTORY

A EMERGENCY MEETING of the VICTORIA PRECEPTORY will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, TONIGHT, the 5th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m., precisely. Visiting Sir Knights are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1899. [661a]

PERSEVERANCE LODGE, O.F.

HONGKONG, NO. 1,65.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on TUESDAY, the 16th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m., precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1899. [621a]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

T HE Undersigned will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, at his Sales Rooms, Zetland Street, No. 2, on

WEDNESDAY, the 10th May, 1899.

Commencing at 2.30 P.M.,
A LARGE QUANTITY OF
HOUSEHOLD & OFFICE FURNITURE
OF EVERY DESCRIPTION
belonging to Gentlemen leaving the colony. For full Particulars see Catalogues, which can be obtained from the Undersigned.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery.
On View at the Undersigned's from MONDAY,
the 8th instant.

PAUL BREWITT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1899. [620a]

TO LET.

At the PEAK.
WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.

A FIVE-ROOMED BUNGALOW, situated
on MOUNT GOUPH called KIEPELTON,
Apply to H. L. DENNYS,
Supreme Court.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1899. [616a]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steam-ship
"PAINTING,"
will be despatched as above
TO-MORROW, the 6th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

Agents.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1899. [607a]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship
"FORMOSA,"
Captain Douglas, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 7th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1899. [618a]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship
"THALES,"
Captain Hall, will be despatched for the above Ports, on TUESDAY, the 9th instant, at Daylight, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1899. [618a]

Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

IMPORTERS OF HIGH-CLASS

BRANDIES.

Brands

A.—Hennessy's Old Pale, Red
Capsule - - - - - \$18.00B.—Superior Very Old Cognac
Red Capsule - - - - - \$1.00

C.—Very Old Liqueur Cognac - - - - - \$1.00

V.O.—D.—Hennessy's Finest
Very Old Liquors Cognac,
1872 Vintage, Red Cap-
sule - - - - - \$6.00V.V.O.—E.—Finest Very Old
Liqueur Cognac, 1862
Vintage - - - - - \$6.00All our Brandy is guaranteed to be
PURE COGNAC, the difference in price
being merely a question of age
and vintage.Smaller quantities and sample
bottles will be supplied at proportionate
wholesale rates.We guarantee our Wines and Spirits
to be genuine only when bought
direct from us in the Colony or from
our authorised Agents at the Coast
Ports.The New York Herald states that Siam has
ceded the province of Luang-Prabang to France
who now abandons Chentabou to the neutral
zone.

THE QUEEN RETURNS TO ENGLAND.

The Queen has started from Cimiez on her
homeward journey.A. S. WATSON & CO., Limited,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.The opening match of the ninth Australian
Cricket Eleven in England commences on
Monday next, the 8th inst., at the Crystal
Palace, against the South of England, whose
team will be selected from the following:—W.
G. Grace, K. S. Ranjitsinhji, J. R. Mason, C.
B. Fry, C. L. Townsend, G. L. Jessop, Abel,
Hayward, Lockwood, Brockwell, Board, and
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land's most scientific and expert batsmen, during
the Queen's return to England, did not intend to play in first-class matches during
the coming season.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE ANGLO-RUSSIAN AGREEMENT.

London, May 3d.

The Times state that the Anglo-Russian
Agreement provides for the maintenance of a
British Chief Engineer and Financial Controller
for the Northern Railway to Shan-hai-Kwan
beyond which the line will be under Chinese
Control.

FRANCE AND SIAM.

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THE BUDGET.

The Budget has passed its second reading in
the House of Commons.

Later.

ITALY.

The Italian Cabinet has resigned. General
Pelloux stated that as the debate showed a
large minority was opposed to the Chinese
policy, it was consequently futile to prolong a
discussion which would impair Italian prestige.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says:—On the 5th

at 11.55 a.m. The barometer is rising on the
E. coast of China, falling on the S. coast.

A slight depression appears to have passed from
the continent and to be now lying in the N.
part of the Sea of Japan. Gradients slight,
but increasing in S. China, with freshening
monsoon in the Formosa Channel and on the
S. coast. FORECAST: Moderate or fresh
N.E. winds; fair at first, probably some rain
later.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The band of the Hongkong Regiment will play
at the Hongkong Hotel to-morrow (Saturday)
evening from 8.30 to 9.30.

For having over the registered number in
Chinese lodging houses, two Chinamen were
fined \$3 each at the Magistracy this morning.

A JAPANESE, for hitting a chair cooche in the
stomach, was this morning at the Magistracy
fined \$4 and had to *gusha* the cooche one
dollar.

The crew of H.M.S. *Undaunted*, together with
most of her officers, are to be turned over to
the Royal Engineers, and the crew will be turned
over to the Royal Engineers.

THE Artilleryman who caused the disturbance
in the streets last night, a description of which
in "A Looker-on" sends us, was brought before
the Magistracy this morning and fined \$5.

FIVE Chinese laundrymen were brought up at
the Magistracy this morning for having over
the prescribed number of men sleeping on the
premises between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5
a.m., and fined \$5 each.

WE hear that, in the event of the *Prussian*
arriving here, Commodore Powell will be re-
quired to hand down his broad pennant during
his stay in port, owing to naval etiquette for-
bidding the Commodore's flag being flown in
the presence of an officer senior to him, Captain
Lambton being senior to the present Com-
modore.

THE *Universal Gazette* says it is reported
that at the attack recently made upon Colonel
Pottinger's surveying party in Szechuan by the
Chinese, six or seven of the party were wounded,
including a few foreigners, and the Chinese
interpreter, who was shot in the back. It is
further alleged that three of them have since
died from the injuries they received.

REAR-ADmirAL C. C. CARPENTER, U. S.
Navy, retired, committed suicide on April 1st in a
sanitarium at Boston. Rear-Admiral Carpenter
was called from the retired list to active duty
in charge of the naval yard at Portsmouth
N. H., during the Spanish war, while commo-
dore Remey was on duty at Key West. He
commanded the U. S. Asiatic Squadron in
1890.

CAPTAIN Uemura, who has been com-
missioned to bring home the new Japanese battle-
ship *Hotso*, which is being built in England,
and Captain Togo, who has been appointed to
bring home the armoured cruiser *Yukino*, under
construction in Germany, leave for Europe by the
N. S. K. steamer *Kawachi*, *Maru* on the 6th instant. They will be accompanied by other naval officers.

CHRIST Church, Yokohama, has been sold to
Messrs G. H. Macy & Co., of New York. We
understand that the price paid was \$35,000 yen.
The Trustees to have both the Church and
parsonage buildings free of cost. As the latter
is in first-class condition and can be easily
moved to the site of the new Church, the sale
is really a very good one, and with the \$8,000
yen already subscribed a fine new building on
the hill is sure to be the result of the trans-
action.

THE semi-final for the Championship in the
Cricket Club's Lawn Tennis Tournament will
be played to-morrow afternoon, between Captain
Langhorne and Mr. Pinckney, play commencing
at half-past four. The winner of this will have
to meet Mr. H. Humphreys, who has worked
his way through to the final. On Monday
afternoon the semi-final in the double handicap
will be played, when Viscount Sinden and
Major Grifiths (one 15.3) will meet W. Mayson
and W. King (freehand 26.15).

MATTERS at present appear to be going from
bad to worse with regard to our rainfall. The
total amount which fell in April was much be-
low the average, and, so far, May has
not brought us any addition to our water
supply. We understand that the Naval
Authorities are already busy selecting a site for
a reservoir in the new territory for the supply of
the fleet, and we trust that the Civil Authorities
will follow their lead and see what can be done
for thirsty Hongkong. The water question is
one that cannot be allowed to wait.

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THE reports submitted to the Adjutant-General
of the United States Army show that, between
the 1st of May, 1898, and the 18th of February
this year, 325 men of the American troops were
killed in action, 125 died of their wounds, and
5,277 died of disease in the United States or
in Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the Philippines.

THE following will be the rates of exchange
between foreign currencies and Haiku Tael
for the levy of *ad valorem* duties during the
month of May, 1899:

1 L. (or 2.91-16th L.) - - - - - Hk. Tls. 6.52
Francs 347 - - - - - Hk. Tls. 1.38 Francs 3.87
Marks 281 - - - - - Hk. Tls. 1.34 Marks 3.14
Gold \$ 66.53 Gold \$ 1.34 Hk. Tls. 1.35

THE gaiety of Shanghai has been permanently
enhanced by the return of Mr. W. G. Bayne,
who returned to Shanghai by the *Saltz* after
many years' absence, to succeed Mr. A. Ross
as Secretary of the North China Insurance Co.
The *Japan Mail* of the 25th ult. says:—"A
large number of residents assembled on the
Haiha yesterday to say farewell to Mr. W. G.
Bayne, who left by the *Doyle* for Shanghai.
The gathering bore eloquent testimony to Mr.
Bayne's great popularity in Yokohama, and to
the regret the community feels in losing him." The
return of Mr. Bayne to Shanghai will be wel-
comed by the Amateurs Dramatic Society,
which proposal need not be entirely

composed of Scotchmen. Our English and Irish
brothers are made heartily welcome.
For the information of *Britishers* that I may mention

that the authorities have authorised an Infantry

Company, of say, 50 men and officers, and this

seems to me, under the changing conditions of

an expanding Hongkong that an Infantry unit

of the Volunteer Corps has certain points to

recommend it. I shall be pleased to receive

additional names of recruits for this Company.

Faithfully yours,

JAMES M. FORBES,

Hon. Secretary,

Hongkong, May 4th, 1899.

CORESPONDENCE.

We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by
Correspondents in this column.

SCOTCH VOLUNTEER COMPANY.

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph".

SIR.—Referring to the letter of our worthy
Vice-President on this subject of date 21st
April, and to the subsequent letters in your

columns, I have now to inform you that certain
good men and true have responded to the
appeal by sending in their names for enrol-
ment; but not, so far, in sufficient numbers to
justify my decided action to be taken.

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composed of Scotchmen. Our English and Irish
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JAMES M. FORBES,

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WATER RETURN.

Level and Storage of Water in Reservoirs on the 1st May.

LEVEL		STORAGE, GALLONS	
1898	1899		
35 ft. 10 in. be. 65 ft. 1 in. below Tytan	65 ft. 1 in. below	overflow	overflow
14 ft. 6 in. below	13 ft. 3 in. below	overflow	overflow

Tytan..... 148,100,000 42,160,000

Pofkulan..... 34,080,000 4,760,000

Total..... 183,080,000 46,920,000

Consumption of Water in the City of Victoria and Hill District during the month of April.

1898. 1899.

Consumption..... 3,905,000 3,625,000 gallons

Estimated population} 194,500 200,000

Consumption per head..... 15.4 9.3 gallons per day

Consumption of Water in Kowloon Peninsula during the month of April.

1898. 1899.

Consumption..... 5,305,000 6,613,000 gallons

Estimated population} 25,600 26,800

Consumption per head..... 6.9 8.2 gallons per day

The Government Analyst reports that the water is of excellent quality.

R. D. OLMSTAD,
Water Authority.

THE NEWCHWANG RAILWAY QUESTION.

THE SAMOAN CRISIS.

BOMBARDMENT BY THE WARSHIPS. INTERESTING PARTICULARS.

The comments of the leading London papers on the action of the Czar's Government in withdrawing all opposition to the Newchwang Railway loan afford interesting reading. The Standard considers there is no reason to distrust the accuracy of the information that the abandonment of the opposition to the Northern Extension Railway contract is the outcome of negotiations between the Russian and British Governments. It adds: "It is gratifying that an incident should be closed which might have assumed very serious proportions had the Ministers agreed, also the captain of the U.S. warship Philadelphia and H.M.S. *Porpoise*.

The man previous the admiral issued a proclamation stating the result of the meeting, and disowning the Provisional Government. He called upon Mataafa and the chiefs to return peaceably to their homes. He also stated that the prisoners were to go quietly to their homes without molestation. He guaranteed the protection of the naval force in harbour to all who obeyed, and threatened to use the same force against those disobeying the proclamation. He also upheld the action of the Chief Justice. A copy of these decisions was sent to Mataafa, who evacuated Mulinu, and took up a position further inland. The German Consul issued a counter proclamation declaring the Admiral's proclamation untrue, and upholding the Provisional Government. The Mataafa men now began to assemble in force, and hemmed the town in on the landward side. There was great excitement in the streets as the people read the rival proclamations.

"Admiral Krantz then sent another letter to Mataafa. This was ignored by the rebels, who barricaded the roads, and made trenches within the municipality. They also took possession of some British houses. The English Consul, Admiral's flag lieutenant, and a brother Lieutenant Gaunt were intercepted by some armed natives, who were in possession of Mr. Guelph's house. An armed rebel covered the flag lieutenant with a rifle, when the Consul and Lieutenant Gaunt drew their revolvers and chased their assailants off. All three displayed great bravery. An American lieutenant, who was unarmed, on Wednesday, together with the Admiral's secretary, went with a final letter to Mataafa to bear out, but were stopped by a guard before proceeding half way. The letter was taken by a guard, and an impudent reply was returned.

Later on Captain Sturdee took Taylor, a half-caste spy, prisoner. The rebels were allowed till 11 o'clock to evacuate the municipality, but they ignored this, and half an hour before the signal for bombardment was given they made an attack on the American and British Consulates thus beginning the war.

At 4 o'clock on the 10th of March the Admiral opened fire on the distant Mataafa villages with the six-inch guns of the U.S. ship *Philadelphia*. H.M. ships *Porpoise* and *Royalist* quickly followed. There was the greatest difficulty in locating the positions of the enemy, as the whole of the island is covered with dense forest, but excellent shooting was made on some shore villages, the houses of which were quickly in flames.

The exception is well taken, and it is to be hoped that the remonstrance will not be without effect. But so long as the public at large and even the intelligent section of the public allow themselves to be swayed by swagger and an attitude of boastfulness and bluff, so long will a certain class of journalists continue to offend.

DEATH OF BARONESS HIRSCH.

Paris, April 1st. —Baroness Hirsch, widow of the late Baron Hirsch, the Hebrew philanthropist, is dead.

The Baroness leaves several million pounds sterling, chiefly bequeathed to charities. Baron Hirsch left an estate of £250,000, much of which was bequeathed to charity, and afterward dispensed by the Baroness. Millions have been spent in colonizing large bodies of Russian refugees in the United States and the Argentine Republic. Baroness de Hirsch was an remarkable personage; as her husband, "Worth many millions in her own right," she gave as freely of her wealth as that left by her husband. She was a daughter of the late Senator Bischofheim of Brussels, head of the great banking house of Bischofheim & Goldschmid, which financed the Erie Railway reorganization in 1871. She married Baron Hirsch when 22, and was of great help to him in all his glorious financial undertakings as well as in his splendid philanthropic plans.

SIXTY DAYS ADRIFT AT SEA.

Honolulu, March 26th. Eight days under bare poles, carried along by the wind and sea at the rate of five knots an hour, with anchors gone, fore-topmast wrench and useless, water supply gone by the ricks burning from friction between them and their stanchions, the vessel tossed and pitched, such was the predicament of the Japanese schooner *Riushu Maru*, with seventeen souls aboard, which put into this port in distress on the 22nd.

She sailed from Tokyo December 31 on a shark fishing cruise, and January 17th was struck by a westerly gale, which drove her before it. Unable to beat back to Japan against this wind, the schooner was forced to try to make Wake Island and eventually made Honolulu.

A NEW AMERICAN NAVAL GUN.

SOMETHING TO LICK CREATION. — NEW YORK, April 2nd.

A *Sun* special from Washington says: There are now being manufactured at the Naval Gun factory here rifles of all sizes for the ships authorized, which are expected to develop far higher qualities than those obtaining for ordnance of equal size at present installed on board. They will be heavier, more costly, and greatly superior to the best guns of the Oregon *Brooklyn* and other types of new vessels. None of the larger sizes have yet been assembled, but designs were completed several months ago, by which twelves, eights and sixes will be more effective weapons than guns of the same calibres now afloat.

Lieutenant Gaunt had a narrow escape from the enemy's bullets. Another Britisher was shot in the foot by a sentry. The troops were "out all night" in the "rain" and reinforcements were "all night" needed, and the position of the town was critical. Bullets were being fired at the warships under cover of the darkness. Some spies and Mataafa prisoners were arrested, but it is impossible to say how many were killed.

H.M.S. *Taranga*, which it is understood intended to annex Tonga, is to be intercepted at Fiji by the Union Company's steamer *Tarion*. Nearly all the inhabitants are on warships, and they are very uncomfortable. Some families are leaving for Suva and Tonga. The latter feeling against the Germans is increasing, and they are being roughly spoken to by American seafarers.

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One of the first pieces completed is a six-inch rifle which will shortly be tested at the Naval proving ground down-the-Potomac. The present six-inch rifle has a velocity not exceeding 2,100 feet per second for its projectile, while the new piece, with its enlarged powder charge, will have not less than 3,000 feet velocity, and the eight-inch will almost equal it. A rapid-fire six-inch gun with 3,000 feet velocity will equal in effectiveness the old slow-fire eight guns now mounted on the *Baltimore* and *Boston*.

In addition to the vast amount of work the shop is doing for the new ships, it is engaged also in converting all six-inch guns of slow-fire pattern into quick fires. The difference between the two is very great, and it is intended that every vessel now mounting slow-fire guns shall be equipped with the most modern mechanical appliances, as fast as batteries can be dismounted and guns sent here for the change. So far nearly all the vessels of the Government in the transport of troops and stores for the Nile operations of 1884-5 are known. In what manner lie has opened up Egypt and promoted the prosperity of that country everybody knows who has ever spent a season there.

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LATE TELEGRAMS.

A DANCER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR PARTNER'S SAFETY.

NEW YORK, April 2nd.

A *Sun* cable from Vienna says: "A curious case was tried this week. A young lady asked heavy compensation from a young man with whom she recently danced at a masked ball, and who allowed her to fall so heavily that she sustained severe internal injury. The defendant declared that his partner was a poor dancer, and that it was difficult to guide her through the crowded room. She rejoined that the defendant had attempted some new steps which he had seen in an opera ballet, and desired to imitate. He flung his legs about and went through some kind of Russian bent-knee dance, in the execution whereof he tripped and both fell heavily. The Judge decided that the man could not be held responsible for the safety of his partner and the case was dismissed.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S BROTHER DEAD.

LONDON, April 2nd.

Richard Chamberlain, brother of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, died in London today. Richard Chamberlain, at one time represented the west division of the borough of Islington, London, in Parliament in the Conservative interest. Since his retirement he had devoted his attention to managing the extensive Chamberlain properties at Birningham.

SHOT DEAD IN MISTAKE FOR THE PRESIDENT.

NEW YORK, April 6th.

Further particulars have been received regarding the Belgian Antarctic Expedition, whose arrival at Punta Arenas in the Straits of Magellan, was reported yesterday. It is stated that the *Belgica*, the vessel in which Lieut. Goncalves' exploring party were conveyed, visited Hughes Bay and Palmer Land, penetrating the unexplored regions westward of Alexander Land, and reaching latitude 71 deg. 35 min. and longitude 10 deg. The *Belgica* cleared the ice on March 14th. Two members of the expedition have died.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Further interesting experiments in wireless telegraphy are shortly to be made in order to test the distance over which the new system may be worked. It is proposed to utilise the Eiffel Tower in Paris on which to fix instruments to communicate with the South Foreland lighthouse on the Kentish coast.

RAILWAY COSTUME IN CYCLING.

The *Daily Mail*'s correspondent at Gothenburg, referring to the warlike preparations of Norway, says: "The only possible object of these preparations is to attack Sweden whose defenses and armaments are inferior and whose infantry are armed with obsolete weapons. Should the Norwegian fleet attack Gothenburg the city must inevitably fall."

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A CANON AT WESTMINSTER.

A sensation has been caused by a sermon preached at Saint Margaret's Church, Westminster, by the Rev. Joseph Ardington Robinson, D. D., Canon of Westminster, and late Norris Professor of Divinity at the University of Cambridge. The preacher took for his subject the Athanassian Creed, which he declared was no creed, but a hymn written in a barbarian age, rejoicing at the victory of the Catholics over the Arians. Nowadays, he said, portions of this creed could not be endorsed. These expressions of opinion by the preacher were distasteful to some members of the congregation, who got up and left the church.

THE RUSSIAN JAIL FACTORY DESTROYED.

A destructive fire has occurred in Silvertown, a suburb of London, on the Thames. The factory of James Keiller and Son, Limited, of Dundee and Silvertown, the well-known manufacturers of marmalade, jams, confectionery, &c., was totally destroyed.

RUSSIAN TROOPS ON THE GERMAN FRONTIER.

Owing to the further massing of Russian troops on the frontier, the Government will ask next session that the German Army be strengthened by the addition of 5,000 men.

ANATOLIE'S EXPEDITION.

The emissary sent to Siberia by King Oscar II of Sweden to make inquiries respecting the fate of Herr Anatolie's Arctic expedition reports that he is not yet convinced that the story told by the Tunguski tribe, who inhabit the mountainous district of Venise, of the discovery of a part of a balloon, three human bodies, and a number of instruments, is a hoax.

THE LOCK-OUT OF PLASTERERS.

In connection with the dispute between the Master Builders' Association with the Plasterers' Union, which has resulted in a lock-out of 2,200 plasterers, a meeting was held in Birmingham last night to consider the difficulty. The meeting, which represented 300,000 workers in the building trade, authorised a conference with the employers. It is probable that the conference will result in a settlement of the difficulty.

ANTARCTIC RESEARCH.

The steam yacht *Reliance*, commanded by Lieutenant de Gerlache, is returning from the Antarctic regions, and has arrived at Punta Arenas in Chile. The vessel was ice-bound for two months.

The commander reports that after visiting the South Shetland Islands his expedition examined the eastern shore of Graham Land, a tract of lofty and continuous land in the Antarctic Ocean, which was discovered in 1823 by a crew of 120 men, the *Reliance* having been the first vessel to penetrate the region of the ice.

The peasants are compelled to sell everything and are living in cold, damp and filthy cabins. Weakened by hunger, they fall ready victims to typhus and acute scurvy. Unless the Government gives prompt aid the Volga provinces will be doomed to a repetition of the horrors of 1891 and 1892.

THE CHINESE MILITIA'S WEDDING.

The Vanderbilt wedding, a great social event to which New York society has been looking forward for some months, took place yesterday amid splendours permitted only to millionaires. The contracting parties were Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt—son of the well-known millionaire of New York, and brother of the Duchess of Marlborough—and Miss Virginia Fair. The ballroom in which the marriage festivities were held was fairly converted into a land of flowers for the occasion, with song birds concealed in the foliage.

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oux, who was Minister of Foreign Affairs in Mr. Melville's Cabinet in 1863-4, has put forward the suggestion that the Chamber of Deputies should appoint a commission to deal with the question of the French possessions in Africa.

THE ADELPHI TRAGEDY.—SIR HENRY IRVING THREATENED.

The man Richard, Arthur Prince, the famous actor, has managed to despatch from the lunatic asylum in which he is confined a letter to Sir Henry Irving, threatening to kill him when he is released.

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